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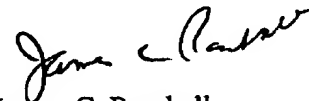
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all the claims in the subject application. In the Office Action, the Examiner vacated the Notice of Allowance and issued a rejection of all the claims 1 and 3-20 in the subject application. In reply, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3-10, 12-15 and 17. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-20 remain pending in the subject application.

In the Office Action, all the claims in the subject application were rejected over U.S. Patent 5,372,704 (the "Harandi patent") for anticipation and obviousness. In reply, Applicant has amended all of the independent claims in the subject application pursuant to the embodiment in Figure 3 of the application. The amendments offer no new matter in light of Figure 3 of the original application. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the art cited discloses the recitations set forth in the amended claims.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims 1 and 3-20 pending in the subject application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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